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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (November 24-30, 2008)

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- (U) Sensitive but unclassified please protect accordingly.
- 11. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.
- $\P2$. (U) During the November 24-30, 2008 reporting period, no security official was killed or injured. The total number of security force casualties for the year through November 30, 2008, was 140 killed and 247 injured.
- 13. (U) During the same period, one PKK terrorist was killed in a clash in Uludere, Sirnak Province on November 30. Seven were captured and three surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the fourth week of November, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 654, the number of those captured was 158, and the number of those who surrendered was 155.
- 14. (U) During the reporting period no civilian was killed or injured. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the fourth week of November, was 46 killed, with another 250 wounded.

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